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Applicant : Akira ATSUTA

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Sir :

In response to the Official Action dated October 6, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 6, 2004, with the present response being filed on the two month due date of December 8, 2003 (December 6, 2003 being a Saturday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.